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IN RE APPLICATION OF: )

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EXAMINER: Unassigned

SERIAL NO.: 10/657,308 )

ART UNIT: N/A

FILED: September 8, 2003 )

FOR: Vessel System for the Treatment  
and/or Storage of Liquid )RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed April 23, 2004 (copy attached), applicants hereby submit the following:

- ☒ An executed Oath and Declaration by the inventors.
- ☒ Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 23, 2004.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).
- ☒ Petition for a 2-month Extension of Time (\$420.00).

Respectfully submitted,


Date: July 26, 2004

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In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application mailed April 23, 2004 (copy attached), applicant hereby submits an executed Oath and Declaration. The submission of the executed Declaration completes the formal requirements for the application

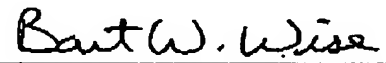
Applicant also requests a Two-Month Extension of Time to complete the requirements. A petition is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-0812 for the surcharge of \$130.00, or any additional fee or credit overpayment.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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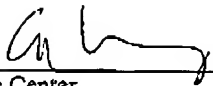
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